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Subject: CORE Proposal Comments

As Food Service Directors, in San Diego County California, we agree with the intent of the CORE proposals. Every item addressed in section 1 as a problem is an area of concern for us. In section II improvements we also agree with some reservations particularly with #6. Expand full substitutability of commodity product. Regarding item #6-Substitutability of product our concern is; **"How will you regulate and control the purchase of wholesome and harmful bacteria-free raw products?"** Contaminated product or a processing plant that fails inspections must not be admitted or allowed to send their products the processing plant or be commingled with acceptable product. "ie the Los Angeles Beef situation." I quote the press release from Attorney Bill Marler that says " Simply stated, USDA's massive commodities purchase program is buying meat and poultry from some processing plants with the most food safety violations records in the country." How will this proposal be written to ensure the safety of the food that our customers (students) will eat?

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